

CHRISTMAS WILL BE BIG DAY AT THE BOXING CLUBS—OTHER NEWS OF SPORTS WORLD

FANS HAVE PICK OF FIVE HOLIDAY BOXING CARDS

National, Olympia, Quaker City, Nonpareil and Douglas to Stage Matinees

NEWSBOYS WILL SPAR

While spectators at the National Christmas matinee show will get the first glimpse of Pat Bradley, Gray's Ferry middleweight, since his return home after an Australian invasion, Johnny Erle, legitimate contender for Kid Williams' crown, will show in his second Philadelphia encounter at the Olympia Club.

These other shows are on tap for tomorrow afternoon. Charley Thomas, the toughest fighter in this city, and one who makes a hit every time he goes to the post, will be opposed to Johnny Miller in a wind-up at the Quaker City. Fred Jordan and Homer Smith, heavyweights, will collide in the Nonpareil's final. The annual newsboy boxing show will be held at the Douglas.

Negotiations for a 15-round match between Willie Moore and Eddie Grant were closed today for January 4 at Pottstown. Jack McGuinn was decided on as referee. After this bout Moore probably will meet Steve Latta in a return set at a local club. The Philadelphia welterweight is anxious to prove to fans here that the Hibernian's recent victory was a fluke. His many followers are anticipating with interest in the proposed return go.

Scraps about scrappers No. Packey McFarland has not retired. Having heard that Les d'Arcy soon will be on his way to this country, Packey rises to remark that he can be conked back to the ring if any promoter has another \$7,500 to offer. One bankroll man who is counted out of the running no doubt is William "You're On" Marshall.

Terry Martin, a Providence bantam, is holding forth in New York. The Down East had knocked out Dutch Brandt in the 10th round recently.

Reports from St. Paul have Mike Gibbons out of bed, up and around. The pompous person has been doing road work over a 10-mile moon circuit course. That's giving Battling Pneumonia his quietus in jig-time.

Fred Fulton is about to make a little fortune for himself on the strength of his match with Jess Willard. Fulton will appear before the motion picture camera in "The Making of Fulton," which shows the Minnesota in everything he has done from a plasterer, policeman, hunter and farmer down to the day he wins the "championship of the world."

The Willard-Fulton bout will be the first heavyweight championship battle staged in New Orleans since Jim Corbett defeated John L. Sullivan.

Louisiana, local bantam, will tackle Jimmy Murray in a 10-round match in New York New Year's Day.

New Year Day matinee bouts will be staged at the Olympia, National, Nonpareil and Quaker City Clubs.

Wow! Wow! Harry Pollok is yelling like an Indian. He is telling the New York press that he has covered critics should decide pinning games instead of boxing bouts. Fred Welsh really whipped Jimmy Murphy here. Pollok is telling Gotham scribbles. If that is his truthful opinion of the match, as a judge of boxing Pollok is a mighty fine critic.

R. C. H. S. PASSERS DEFEAT DARBY HIGH Captain Bernie McGowan's Team Wins on Suburban Floor

The Catholic High School five journeyed to Darby yesterday afternoon and defeated the High School basketball team by the score of 43 to 24. The second team representing R. C. H. S. downed the 12 Darbyites by the margin of 24 to 13. For the victorious Catholic High varsity, the playing of Captain Bernie McGowan and Jack Glascock featured. McBride worked well with the captain on the forward line, while Glascock was ably supported by Cole on the defense.

Brickley Signs Again CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 24.—Charles F. Brickley, former Harvard captain, and considered by many critics as the best football player ever developed, has renewed his contract as captain coach at Johns Hopkins College. Brickley, in his first season with the Hopkins college, developed a very fine team, leading only two games to opponents somewhat out of the blue, but scoring in every game played. Financially the season was the best the Baltimore management has ever had.

Levinaky Is Confident NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The Battling Levinaky and Tom Flynn bout is the big card for New York's Christmas Day. Levinaky already is claiming he'll knock out the fireman.

Expect Somers Will Keep Cleveland Club

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 24.—The financial affairs of Charles W. Somers, owner of the Cleveland baseball club, have been so improved by the declaration of peace in the baseball world and recent developments in his other interests that Somers is considered certain to retain the ball club. It is expected that he will be well cleared of his obligation during the coming year. The coming of President Ben Johnson of the American League, to Cleveland next week is expected to lead to the acquisition of players which will give the Indians a better club in 1916.

WAS THEIR CHARITY BUSINESS OR THEIR BUSINESS CHARITY?

Why Did the Baseball Monarchs Reinstate Players of the Late Lamented Federal League

EBBETS' FAMOUS BONE

By KRYTIC What an inspiring picture is drawn for the public. The Monarchs of Baseball gathered around the peace board all hands so saturated with the Christmas spirit that a magnanimous measure is passed to forgive the wicked Federal League ball player and let him go to work—provided he is a good drawing card.

We are not prepared to deny that the Monarchs were saturated with Christmas spirit. Many of them were bubbling over with it, but their business acumen and wisdom survived. Therefore they lifted the ban from the Federal League player—even the jumper. The Christmas spirit did not figure.

It is difficult to see what other course the gentlemen could have taken, either from a business or an ethical standpoint. It certainly would have been poor business on the part of the organized forces to have allowed such stars as Kauff, Lee Magee, Joe Tinker, Davenport and half a dozen others, to slide through their fingers.

Ethically, the monarchs had no chance to do otherwise than they did. After becoming so huffy with the Federal League magnates that they are allowed to return to the ball field, the organization, they could not very well harpoon the men who were induced to jump by the men they were doing business with. In making peace with the jumpers they could not adopt a policy of smug righteousness toward the tempted.

No, there never was any doubt but that the stars would be cared for. They meant money, and the gate. It is the average Federal Leagueer who will find the going very hard.

How Ebbets Helped It is interesting to note that chief among those who declared against the jumpers was Charlie Ebbets. With sublime indifference to baseball history and his own famous bone, which put the independent on the base ball map, the Brooklyn impresario has, all along, had his hammer out for all who had anything to do with the Federals. The early card will be recalled that in the very spring of 1914 the Federals were on the ropes, gasping for breath. The organized players had shown no disposition to take a chance with the new league, despite the fact that they were being temptingly flashed before their faces.

At that time Joe Tinker and Ebbets were dickering over a question as to why Tinker had been traded from Cincinnati, where he had held the position of manager, to Brooklyn, and he had expressed himself as being convinced that it was a proper time to increase his yearly stipend. For a time the wires were hot with messages from Tinker to Ebbets and vice versa, and it was officially arranged that the two should meet and arrange things.

Tinker polished up all his best arguments and appeared on time, but Ebbets did not. Instead, he delegated Wilbur Robinson to turn Tinker down by phone. Joseph took the first train for Chicago, and within a few hours his name was affixed to a Federal League contract.

The news was flashed over the country, and thereafter the Federals were organized seriously. They had signed Joe Tinker, and other players soon followed. What was good enough for Tinker was good enough for them. The independents were given a new lease of life, and all because Charlie Ebbets failed to realize that he could not bluff a man of Tinker's class.

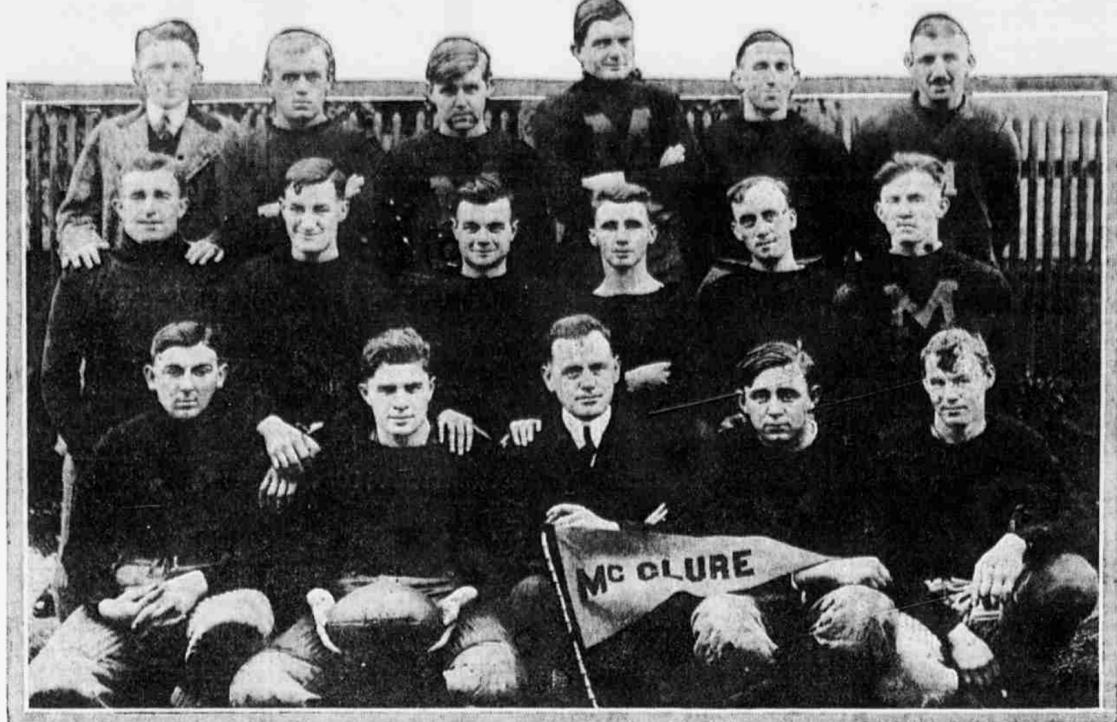
They Are Killing the Game Countless times during the recent baseball season the suffering public has been told that the awful war was wrecking the sport. "They are killing the game." "This conflict is disastrous" have become household phrases.

All of which is true in a sense. The fact of the matter, however, is that the publicity given the war proved almost disastrous to the game, and not the war itself.

The war was an evil that had to be endured. Every business venture that involves millions of dollars will go through periods of competitive conflict. Only in the baseball business, however, is the suffering public added with all the sordid details.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—It has been stated that Indiana University will be added to take one of the two vacant places on the Harvard football schedule for 1916. The dates are not yet filed inside October 14 and 21.

MEET VINCOME ELEVEN ON NEW YEAR'S DAY



The McClure football team, Darby champions for 1915, have signed to play the Vincome eleven, of West Philadelphia, on New Year's Day. The men in the photograph, left to right, are: Top row—Secretary Joseph Byrns, Albert Myera, Elwood Bonnell, LeRoy Gilbert, Norman McKissick, Stanley Hunt. Middle row—John Hughes, D. Doyle, William Starrett, George Greenwood, J. Doyle, F. Butler. Bottom row—Horace Worrell, Lloyd Black, A. J. McClure, Jr., manager, William Long, John Clark.

MANY SHOTS LISTED FOR XMAS DAY SPORT BY LOCAL GUN CLUBS

Seven Target Tests and Three Live-Bird Matches Is Menu for Gunning Clan of Philadelphia

MANY GOOD PRIZES

Xmas Day will find the major number of local gunners out at the traps, blazing away at blue rocks and at live birds. Ten clubs have programed events, and both the blue rock stiroda and the feathered target admirers will have all they want for their holiday sport. Of the ten matches to be held seven will be at clay birds and the other three at pigeons.

The Mount Moriah Club, of West Philadelphia will stage big festivities and a record attendance is predicted. Many of this city's foremost target experts will go to the clubhouse, where an excellent card awaits them. There will be a fine array of prizes for the lucky shooters.

At Drexel Hill Gunners residing in the vicinity of Drexel Hill and Media will flock to the Springfield Club for their fun on Powell's farm.

Live-bird wing shots of this section will go to the Bow Creek Club, near Essington, where Charlie Wilbank has a great card in store for them. For the men who show an inclination for the target game there will be sport for them, too, for the Bow Creek Club is one of the few organizations that boast of both kinds of traps. The awards in the feathered target matches are worth trying for. A 200-pound porker is the first prize, while turkeys will be the next two best awards. Owing to the club being near this city and Wilmington a banner crowd is looked for.

Up at Whitmarsh the Port Side Inn Club will hold a shooting test. The program calls for 15 birds per man, with handicaps governing the event. A prominent list of shooters from different parts of the State will compete. Joseph Graves, of the Delaware Water Gap, former live-bird champion of Pennsylvania; Izzy Hoffman, of Philadelphia; Earl Meltrich, Philadelphia; Ducommun, Bromfield, of Stroudsburg, and Doctor Wagner, of Delanco, N. J., are some of the men who have sent in their entries.

Shoot at Chester Chester is bidding for trapshooting honors. Tomorrow the Chester Blue Rock Club has on schedule a big candy shoot. Forty-four pounds of nice confections will be the awards.

The local members of the shooting fraternity of Fox Chase will not lay aside their firearms for Christmas, for on top of the clubs in that section has on tap a white flyer match for which the winner will tug home with him a fat little pig in order to make the event a huge success the manager of the club offers a free entrance and free birds. Judging from this—well, he'll have the biggest crowd of all shoots on schedule.

Not to be outdone, the ladies will have their inning also at the traps tomorrow, but it's far away from here. To be exact, West Chester is the place. Charles S. Heller will entertain the fair sex at a special test.

SPORTS EVENTS ON PHILADELPHIA DOCKET FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

SOCCER—NATIONAL CUP (Second Round) Disston vs. Bethlehem, at Tacony Ball Park. Hibernians vs. Viscoze, at Stenton Field. Merion White vs. Morristown, at Merion. Wanderers vs. Somerset, at 3d street and Lehigh avenue. Puritan vs. Waverly, at 2d and Clearfield streets.

INTERCITY GAME Allied League, of Philadelphia, vs. Metropolitan League, of New York, at 3d street and Lehigh avenue.

UNITED LEAGUE Woodland vs. Vincome, at 52d street and Woodland avenue.

ALLIED LEAGUE Third Division Kensington Juniors vs. Fairhill, at B and Clearfield streets. Fourth Division St. Carthage vs. Fairhill B. C., at 62d street and Cedar avenue; Cardington Juniors vs. Puritan Juniors, at 65th and South streets; Edgemoor Juniors vs. Providence, at Edgemoor, Del.

PHILADELPHIA LEAGUE Wissinoming vs. Boys' Club, at Torresdale avenue and Van Kirk street; Disston B. C. vs. Christ Church, at State road and Unruh street; Nicetown vs. Textile, at 24th street and Allegheny avenue.

BASKETBALL Eastern League—Camden at Reading (afternoon and evening); De Neri at Greystock (afternoon); Greystock at De Neri (evening). School games—Camden High vs. Camden High Alumni; Chester High vs. Chester High Alumni.

ATHLETIC CARNIVALS At all branches of Philadelphia Y. M. C. A.'s from 9 a. m. until 9 p. m.

SKATING Several lakes in Fairmount Park open to public.

BOXING National A. C.—Solly Burns vs. Johnny Nelson; Joe Tuber vs. Johnny Rosner; Frankie Conifrey vs. Tommy O'Keefe; Joe Azevedo vs. Eddie Wagon; Patsy Cline vs. Frankie McManus; Pat Bradley vs. Marty Farrell. Olympia A. A.—Mickey Brown vs. Johnny Attel; Neil McCue vs. Mike Erle; Johnny Campi vs. R. O. Eggers; Barney Hahn vs. Kid Scatton. Quaker City A. A.—George Blackburn vs. Tommy Livingston; Johnny Loughrey vs. Johnny McAvoy; Kid Patillo vs. George Cole; Young O'Donnell vs. Johnny Kelly; Charley Thomas vs. Johnny Miller. Nonpareil A. C.—Jimmy Burns vs. Al Weinert; Jack Reek vs. See-saw Kelly; Tommy Gorman vs. Andy Burns; Sailor Smiley vs. Buck Millard; Willie Moody vs. Johnny Krause; Homer Smith vs. Fred K. Jordan. Douglas A. C.—Jacob Walder vs. Joe Caplan; Harry Brown vs. Al Welkin; Young Harry Lewis vs. Freddy Goodman; Battling Murray vs. Young Fox; Young Manuel vs. Young Clark, Johnny Clark vs. Joe Meiman, Tommy O'Dare vs. Lew Rappaport.

SHOOTING EVENTS Whitmarsh Valley Country Club shoot. Merchantsville Gun Club shoot. Sorrel Horse shoot at Pensauken. Candy shoot at Chester Blue Rock Gun Club. Mt. Moriah Gun Club target shoot. Springfield Gun Club target shoot. Bow Creek live bird shoot. Fox Chase Gun Club live bird shoot. Port Side Inn Club live bird shoot. "Ladies' Special" shoot at West Chester.

Kilbane Getting Heavy NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Johnny Kilbane, the featherweight champion, may stop over to the lightweight division. He is reported to be negotiating the 125-pound class and has been offered a match with Leahy Cross. If he intends to make a debut in a light weight class, he'll have a hard fight with Patsy Honeyman last night, the latter making a strong finish and coming up what advantage Cross had earlier in the fight.

Harvard May Play Indiana Eleven CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 24.—It has been stated that Indiana University will be added to take one of the two vacant places on the Harvard football schedule for 1916. The dates are not yet filed inside October 14 and 21.

Masked Marvel Wins Again NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Ivan Linow, the Russian Cossack, today was slowly recovering from the beating he received at the hands of the "Mysterious Masked Marvel" in a 20-minute wrestling match at the International tournament last night. George Rothner, who won the 175-pound prize in the Cossack, 207, with a body scissor in 18 minutes and 42 seconds. Rothner, of Ireland, wrestled a 20-minute draw.

Moran May Meet Willard NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Jess Willard may meet Frank Moran in New York March 17. Tom Jones is talking terms today with the Madison Square Garden management and hopes to make terms for a championship no-holds-all bout.

EASTERN SPORTSMEN FACE TRAPS MONDAY AT LAKEWOOD CLUB

Three-day Affair in Jersey Will Bring Together Many Experts—Championship on Wednesday

PINEHURST SHOOT JAN. 17

Eastern trapshooters are setting their eagle eyes in shape for the big Lakewood, N. J., tournament to be started next Monday under the auspices of the Lakewood House Gun Club. The shoot is a last three days, and will no doubt attract the attention of most of the experts of the Atlantic seaboard.

On the opening day of the Lakewood event there will be a 100-target practice match and on the succeeding days there will be the Lakewood handicap and the Lakewood championship. In addition, an optional sweepstakes of \$500 will be run.

Pinehurst, N. C., is to promote an annual event for gunners on January 17. The shoot will end on January 20. The best shot of the country will take part.

William Sommers reports that wild duck and geese are plentiful in the Delaware Bay region, but that they are hard to wing. Mild weather has permitted the birds to remain further down the river than is usual. Clusters, cold weather will be necessary to force the fowl up-stream and to the haunts of the gunners.

New Yorkers are putting in some heavyicks on the ducking grounds at Barnegat Bay.

J. W. Mason, president of the New Jersey Sportsman's Association, has returned from a very successful ducking trip at Freehold, N. J.

Fifty-nine persons killed and 66 injured in the burning toll in 18 States for the season. Last season 11 persons were killed and 182 wounded.

GERMANTOWN BOYS HONORED

Club Insignia Awarded to Star Cross-Country and Soccer Athletes

At a meeting of the athletic council of the Germantown Boys' Club five members of the cross country squad were awarded the official insignia of the club. Joseph Brauckman, Earl Hunter, C. E. Mellan, Fred L. Cook, Jr., and R. Copper received the honors.

On recommendation of the soccer committee the following members of the soccer team who took part in the Westtown School, George School and Germantown Cricket Club games were awarded their insignia: Samuel Asquith, Robert Dunn, Walter Noon, Walter Hubbard, David Boggs, Frank Fann, Walter Buwell, Joseph Tattall, George Falt, E. O. Crapp, Charles Shoemaker, Boyd Burnett, William Russell, W. W. Brown, Church Longtreth, George Bingham and James Garvin.

Industrial League Electric Storage defeated National Circuit in an Industrial League game last night at the Quaker City Athletic Club, 94 to 22.

DE NERI PLAYS TWO GAMES WITH GREYS TOMORROW

Afternoon Match at Cooper Battalion—Clash at Musical Fund in Evening

CAMDEN MEETS READING

De Neri's games with Greystock Christmas afternoon and evening means much to both clubs and the Eastern stars in general. In the afternoon clash the Southwark squad appears at Cooper Battalion Hall, the home of the Greys, then, in the evening, the two teams battle at Musical Fund Hall, the home floor of the De Neris.

Inasmuch as De Neri has within the last three weeks climbed from a lowly eighth berth to a permanent contender, the outcome of the games tomorrow are important. De Neri has won five straight and captured six out of their last seven games. This is championship ball.

While Greystock has dropped two in a row, the club is far from being in a slump, and for De Neri to break even on the pair of holiday clashes they will have to play their best brand of ball. The two teams have shifted its line in the season, and that game resulted in an easy victory for Greystock.

De Neri in that game was laboring along without the semblance of teamwork, and it was the first game Johnny Beckman, the sensational New York forward, played for De Neri. Since then the Southwark five has rounded off the rough spots in team play and now, thoroughly familiar with each other's style of play, they are working just as smoothly as the Greys and Bears.

The Greys never before were in first place on Christmas, and never in a position to battle off De Neri for the lead. Newman will line up against Sugarman, Darb will team up with McWilliam, Kinkade will play Wilson, and Cross will tackle Beckman. This leaves Grimstad and Lawrence for the centre test.

The Camden team will go to Reading on Christmas morning and play the up-States one game in the afternoon and one in the evening.

There will be no game, as usual, at Cooper Battalion Hall this evening. Greystock has a double-header with De Neri tomorrow.

The foul goal shooting of Captain Fogarty, of the Trenton team, last night enabled the Jerseymen to defeat Jasper in an Eastern League game, 28 to 20. The game was well contested, with Trenton always in the lead.

At the end of the first half the Jersey quintet was leading the Kensington boys by a score of 17 to 9. Trenton easily outplayed the home team in this period, but Jasper shifted its line in the second half and played a better ball, inability to shoot fouls, however, caused Jasper's defeat.

GERSON NOW MANAGER OF AMICUS QUINTET

Downtown Five Will Play Chambersburg Team Tomorrow Night—Other Notes

J. Gerson has succeeded Master as manager of the Amicus Boys' Club basketball team. The latter resigned because of business circumstances. Gerson was elected unanimously. He has started booking games with the Philadelphia teams in Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Saturday night Amicus traveled to Pottsville and defeated the Siamia A. A. quintet by a score of 22 to 27. Features of the contest were the foul goal shooting of Captain Black and the all-round playing of Louis Goldtas at guard.

Finkel, formerly of Southern High School, has been signed to play with Amicus this season. Tomorrow night the team will journey to Chambersburg for a game with the B. B. C. five there. Local teams having halls and dates open in January, including New Year's Eve and night, write to J. Gerson, 306 Delancey street.

Olympia Boys' Club has a few open dates away in January and February. It would like to hear from strictly second-class fives having a substitute. Olympia defeated Wilminton Y. M. C. A. by a score of 22 to 10. The manager would like to hear from the following teams for games: Atlantic City, Salem, Ocean City and St. Paul's. Olympia's basketball team is being coached by Harry Gerson, Myer, centre, and Schafer and Brown, guards. For more information contact Olympia Club, care of Starr street.

The Merrill Club has a few open dates away for second-class teams in or out of the season. The team last night at Mendon, Liberty, Bunton, Gottlieb, Southern High School varsity, and Weinstein and Greenwald, former National League players. They have defeated this year such teams as Southwest Y. M. C. A., Northampton, and Riverdale House. Hendon Y. M. C. A. and other well-known teams will be in line for Liberty of Chester, Riverdale, St. Rita's, Incarnation, Cecelia, and St. Joseph. Merrill plays Saturday New Year's night and on January 5 plays the B. B. C. A. a return game. Teams wishing this attraction, communicate with Joseph Weinstein, 1340 South 4th street, or phone Main 3-11.

Givard Field Club by defeating North Branch Y. M. C. A. by the score of 18 to 4, and Central Branch by the score of 18 to 3, claims the championship of the indoor basketball game in this city. Manager Givard is trying his utmost to uplift this line of sport in this vicinity and would like to hear from any team desiring to challenge the title, such as Erie, Erie Centre, and Erie and Erie. Write to Givard Field Club, care of A. Schaefer, 1400 North Park street.

ABSENT-MINDED ABNER—But Don't Think He Can't Take a Good Suggestion!—By WALT McDOUGALL

